The Beat Generation — *By Andrew MacFarlane*

No Worries Except the Rent

Landlords Won't Wait

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SAN FRANCISCO—The Beat day begins when the noon sun pokes an ineffective finger at the grimy windows of a hundred North Beach pads.

From his mattress on the floor, the Beatnik reaches out to rummage for a cigaret and settles back for his first meditation of the day.

There are a few—very few—Square realities of life that must be considered.

The most unyielding of these is the necessity for paying his share of the rent. This probably runs to about $5 a week.

Although the voluntary poverty of the Beach bohemian makes him willing to accept hunger, dirt and privation, landlords are of a different persuasion.

The rent must be paid. And this means some contact with the outside world.

Money Saved

Some North Beach boys and girls are existing on money saved from a year or two of working, or — very rarely — on the money from the sale of a story, a piece of music, or a painting.

Many have parents who, no matter how much they disapprove of the Beat life, subsidize it, thus keeping up a last, slim thread of communication with their Beat offspring.

Some Beatniks live on government unemployment cheques—which is considered rather demeaning because it involves getting up early every Wednesday morning to go and collect the money.

As musicians improvise cool background music, interminable off-beat poetry is read to whoever wants to listen. Current vogue of poetry read to jazz was born in the North Beach colony of San Francisco's beat generation.

Menial Work

The last alternative is to take occasional menial work—preferably behind the bar or waiting on tables at one of the Beach joints.

If he can solve the rent problem, the Beatnik doesn't have to worry. Friends will see him through thin times for food and drink.

And if things really get desperate, he can always find a spot to sleep on someone else's floor.

Within their own group, the Beats are generous; they share what little they have as a matter of principle.

Things Stirring

While the Beatnik ponders the state of the world, things are already stirring on upper Grant Avenue.

Across the street, the Coexistence Bagel Shop is already a hive of industry.

This is first stop of the day for the Beach crowd.

Here a Beatnik can sit and wait for someone to show up who has money, then have some yoghurt or a hotdog for breakfast.

And afterwards he may latch onto one of the endless stream of conversations that carry a Beatnik through the day.

Round of Beer

Poet John Chance joins the table. Someone orders a round of beer. (For the Bagel Shop is really a beer, wine and sandwiches joint, and the only bagel in the place is hanging on a string from the ceiling.)

John is in his early 20s, has rather long hair, and is wearing a dirty sweatshirt and jeans.

"I feel this culture is out of whack," he explains. "The universe is in the process of change. Most of the people around here realize they're not swinging with the universe."

Someone's Pad

Somebody picks up a bottle of port at a corner store and we cut along to someone else's pad.

There is a hi-fi and a stack of Charlie Parker records. And the long beat afternoon blasts along on saxophone music, coffee cups of port and more talk.

A girl wearing only a large celtic cross on a shoelace around her neck is posing for an artist in the window.

She takes a break for a cigaret, ambles over, and says: "How do you like it?"

This is in the nature of a turnout, a play to see how the Square tourist in the grey suit will react.

So you hold the cross on the palm of your hand, and say: "Mexican silver? Beautiful workmanship. If you'll excuse me, Hank here was just explaining his theories on . . ."

Which, as we say in the Beat business, is playing it cool. Real cool.

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Adrian Sentenced To Year in Oakalla

A 12-month term at Oakalla prison farm was handed down to Robert James Adrian, former private investigator, in Assize Court yesterday, following his conviction by a jury on a charge of fabricating evidence for a divorce case.

"The offence for which you were convicted," said Mr. Justice Thomas Brown, "imperilled the roots of jurisprudence. It is not trivial, or one that can be taken lightly."

Mr. Justice Brown said that even though the four people directly concerned in the divorce action were now "happy or at least content," that "however satisfied they may be as to the results of your wanton and brazen fabrication, the administration of law is outraged."

While the law may not be ideal in the present social and moral state of the community, there was no excuse for "trickery," the judge added.

Goat Lore No Secret To Children

Good goat-sense illustrated by 4-H club members at a Saanich Goat Club competition Saturday in Saanichton fair grounds, amazed the experts who were watching.

Competitions were held to select three members to form a team to compete in 4-H club demonstrations on the care and raising of animals at the Victoria Industrial and Agricultural Fair on May 6.

"The children were almost as good as professional goat breeders," said Mrs. Edith Smart, a judge at the competition and an authority on goats. "I have never seen children who knew so much about goats in my life."

The children were divided into four teams of three and demonstrated before a panel of three judges.

Top team was the Victoria group composed of Rhodena Cronk, Wendy Baker and Cornelis Dangegmond.

Individual winners were Bruce Gordon, Wendy Baker and Rhodena Cronk.

Lived Here 39 Years

William Crombie Rites Will Be Held Thursday

Funeral services for William Bishop Crombie, 80, a resident of Victoria for 39 years will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday from Chaplin's funeral home.

Mr. Crombie, who was born in 1879 in Falkirk, Scotland, died Sunday afternoon. He came to Canada in 1903, settling in Prince Albert in the then Northwest Territories.

He came to Victoria in 1920. Until his retirement two years ago he was the senior automobile insurance adjustor in B.C.

He was a charter member of Confederation Lodge 116, GRBC, (AF & AM) and a member of the Scottish Rite Masons.

He is survived by his widow, Isabella, at the residence, 1354 Beach Drive; two daughters, Mrs. H. J. Curry in Victoria, and Mrs. A. R. Wood in Vancouver; two sons, Robert and Thomas in Victoria; three sisters in Falkirk, Scotland; a brother in Birmingham, England; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

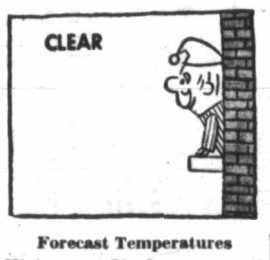
Weather Forecast

April 21, 1959

Mostly clear with a few cloudy intervals. Little change in temperature. Winds light. Monday precipitation, nil. Sunshine, 13 hours, 18 minutes.

Recorded Temperatures

High ..... 65 Low 43



Forecast Temperatures

High ..... 70 Low 40
Sunrise ... 5.13 Sunset ... 7.13

East Coast of Vancouver Island — Mostly clear with a few cloudy intervals. Little change in temperature. Winds light. High and low at Nanaimo, 65 and 35.

West Coast of Vancouver Island — Variable cloudiness with occasional clear periods. Little change in temperature. Winds light. High and low at Estevan, 55 and 40.

TEMPERATURES

	Low	High	Precip.
St. John's	32	43	--
Halifax	38	48	.39
Montreal	30	49	--
Ottawa	30	49	--
Toronto	35	51	--
North Bay	24	41	Trace
Port Arthur	32	47	--
Kenora	38	50	--
Winnipeg	27	64	--
Brandon	27	60	--
The Pas	38	57	--
Regina	17	59	--
Saskatoon	28	60	--
Prince Albert	31	61	--
N. Battleford	33	63	--
Swift Current	24	56	--
Medicine Hat	28	59	--
Lethbridge	25	59	--
Calgary	27	60	--
Edmonton	38	54	--
Kimberley	27	62	--
Crescent Valley	27	67	--
Grand Forks	32	69	--
Kamloops	31	73	--
Penticton	32	66	--
Vancouver	41	62	--
Prince Rupert	38	59	--
Prince George	28	65	--
Whitehorse	8	31	.16
Seattle	40	68	--
Portland	38	76	--
San Francisco	47	66	--
Los Angeles	55	72	--
Spokane	35	64	--
Chicago	34	41	.20
New York	47	52	.24

TIDES AT VICTORIA
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
21	01.09	8.1	07.38	3.6	13.33	6.9	19.30	4.6
22	01.31	8.5	08.20	2.6	14.33	7.1	20.13	5.1
23	02.04	8.7	09.03	1.8	15.37	7.2	20.58	5.7
24	02.37	8.9	09.49	1.2	16.48	7.3	21.43	6.4
25	03.12	8.9	10.36	0.9	19.13	7.4	22.32	6.7
26	03.48	8.9	11.26	0.9	20.31	7.7	23.28	7.1
27	04.23	8.4	12.19	1.2	21.31	7.8		
28	00.34	7.2	04.56	7.9	13.14	1.7	22.23	7.9
29	02.02	7.2	05.25	7.4	14.11	2.2	23.05	7.9
30	15.11	2.9	23.34	7.9				

TIDES AT FULFORD HARBOUR
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
21	03.02	10.9	09.31	4.4	16.01	9.9	21.23	6.1
22	03.34	11.0	10.10	3.3	17.03	10.4	22.14	6.7
23	04.05	11.0	10.51	2.5	18.02	10.8	23.06	7.3
24	04.39	11.0	11.33	1.8	19.00	11.2		
25	00.01	7.9	05.14	10.8	12.18	1.5	20.00	11.3
26	00.39	8.4	05.53	10.5	13.05	1.6	20.59	11.4
27	02.09	8.7	06.34	10.1	13.56	1.9	22.00	11.4
28	03.31	8.7	07.23	9.5	14.49	2.5	23.01	11.3
29	05.03	8.4	08.30	8.9	15.48	3.3	23.57	11.2
30	06.26	7.7	09.59	8.3	16.52	4.1		

Today's Events

Guy Barclay, general superintendent (electric) for B.C. Electric will tell of his recent holiday in Mexico at the **Victoria Electric Club** meeting, 12.05 p.m., James Bay Hotel . . . Sam Lane, proprietor of the Olde England Inn, will discuss his "Impressions of England Today" at the **Victoria Kiwanis Club,** 12.10 p.m., Empress Hotel . . . James Garnett, Victoria city engineer, will discuss the "Downtown Development Plan" at the **North Kiwanis,** 6.15 p.m., Holyrood House . . . William Burton, industrial applications engineer for Canadian General Electric, will speak on "Application of Motor Control" at the meeting of the **Victoria Institute of Power Engineers** at 7.30 p.m. in the Flame Room of the B.C. Electric Building . . . Robert MacNichol, president of the Canadian Legion's Pacific Command, will speak at 8 p.m. in the **Britannia Branch** auditorium.

Ship Calendar

NAVY

HMC ships Fraser, Margaree, Skeena and New Waterford return Friday. HMC ships Sussexvale, Beacon Hill, Ste. Therese, on Venture cruise, return at 10.30 a.m. May 1.

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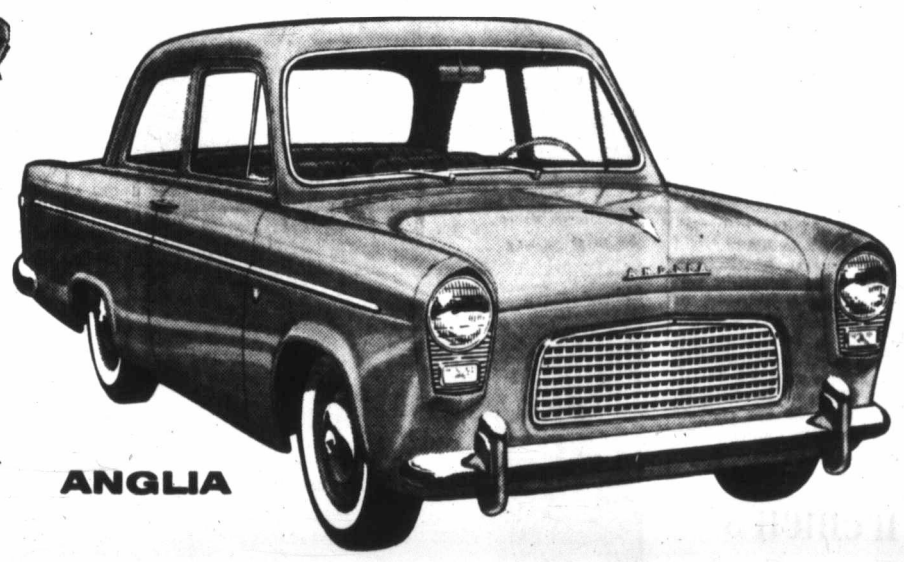

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